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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

JIN ET AL.

Examiner

Helene Klemanski

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 April 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 6 and 15 have been amended, none of the claims have been deleted and no new claims have been added. Hence, claims 1-22 are pending in the application.
2. The 112, second paragraph rejections to the claims as set forth in the previous Office Action dated January 4, 2007 have been overcome by applicants amendments and are now withdrawn.
3. The Declaration filed on April 3, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome the Liu et al. or the Jin et al. references since: (1) it is not signed by all the inventors of the subject matter claimed or (2) applicants have not provided a showing that less than all the named inventors of the instant application invented the subject matter of the claims under rejection. See MPEP 715.04 [R-5]. Accordingly, the 102(a) and 103(a) rejections over the Liu et al. and the Jin et al. references are maintained.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 3, line 1, the term "Currently amended" should be replaced with the term "Previously presented" since the claim has not been amended. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

6. Claims 1-8 and 10-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the article "Polymer-Incorporated Iron Catalysts for Ethylene Polymerization (hereafter referred to as Liu et al.).

Liu et al. teach a method for making polystyrene-incorporated iron catalyst comprising combining a catalyst precursor of the formula as claimed by applicants containing two allyl groups on the phenyl ring, a styrene monomer in the presence of a free radical initiator such as AIBN (i.e. 2,2'-azobis (2-methylpropanenitrile)). Liu et al. further teach a method for polymerizing olefins such as ethylene by contacting the olefin with the above polystyrene-incorporated iron catalyst and a co-catalyst such as MMAO (i.e. modified methylalumoxane). See the introduction section, sections 2.4.3-2.5 and schemes 2 and 3. The method for making polystyrene-incorporated iron catalyst and the method for polymerizing olefins as taught by Liu et al. appears to anticipate the present claims.

7. Claims 1-8 and 10-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by CN 1352204A (hereafter referred to as Jin et al.).

Jin et al. teach a method for making polymerized catalyst with dual activity centers comprising combining a catalyst precursor of the formula as claimed by

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applicants containing at least one allyl group on the phenyl ring, a styrene monomer in the presence of a free radical initiator such as azobisisobutyronitrile. Jin et al. further teach a method for polymerizing olefins such as ethylene by contacting the olefin with the above polymerized catalyst and a co-catalyst such as MAO (i.e. methylalumoxane) or MMAO (i.e. modified methylalumoxane). See the abstract, claims 1-3, pages 7, 8 and 10 and examples 7-9 and 13-19 of the English translation (copy provided by applicants). The method for making polymerized catalyst and the method for polymerizing olefins as taught by Jin et al. appears to anticipate the present claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the article "Polymer-Incorporated Iron Catalysts for Ethylene Polymerization (hereafter referred to as Liu et al.) or CN 1352204A (hereafter referred to as Jin et al.).

Liu et al. and Jin et al. are cited and relied upon for the above stated reasons. Liu et al. and Jin et al. lack disclosure of the two abstractable ligands forming one metallacycle ring with the transition metal as claimed by applicants.

However, such ligands are conventional in the field of transition metal olefin polymerization catalysts since the hydrocarbyl versions can undergo deinsertion

reactions with the transition metal, thus opening up a coordination site for an olefin to begin the olefin polymerization process.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply that skill to the disclosures of Liu et al. or Jin et al. with a reasonable expectation of obtaining a highly useful olefin polymerization precatalyst with the expected benefit of the precatalyst being easily activatable.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments filed April 3, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The 131 Declaration filed April 3, 2007 is deemed to be insufficient since it is not signed by all the inventors of the subject matter claimed or applicants have not provided a showing that less than all the named inventors of the instant application invented the subject matter of the claims under rejection therefore permitting less than all the inventors to sign the Declaration. See MPEP 715.04 [R-5]. Applicants should note that the above Declaration would have been sufficient to overcome the Liu et al. or the Jin et al. references had it been signed by all the inventors or a showing provided otherwise. The examiner will consider another Declaration if it is filed in response to this Office Action.

Conclusion

11. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Helene Klemanski whose telephone number is (571) 272-1370. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on (571) 272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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